REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S ICE HOCKEY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 19, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

- None.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Item.

a. Recruiting – Undergraduate Student-Athlete Notification of Transfer – Men's Ice Hockey.

(1) Action. The NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee introduced legislation into the January cycle to modify the notification-of-transfer legislation, in men's ice hockey, to permit an undergraduate student-athlete to submit notification of transfer the business day following the conclusion of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship.

Voting results. For: 8 (Berlo, James, Richelew, Riga, Strand, Troville, Weis); Opposed: 0; Abstentions: 0.

(3) Effective. Immediate.

(4) Rationale. This proposal modifies the notification-of-transfer legislation to align undergraduate notification of transfer legislation in men's and women's ice hockey. Specifically, the modification addresses the NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Committee's decision to move the 2027 NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship from Sunday, March 21, to Tuesday, March 23. The modification maintains the intent of NCAA Division I Proposal No. 2025-44 that the notification-of-transfer window opens the day following the conclusion of the championship contest while accounting for future championship date changes.

(5) Estimated budget impact. None.

(6) Student-athlete impact. This recommendation aligns with the intent of Proposal No. 2025-44 and would permit student-athletes to submit notification of transfer the day following the conclusion of the championship regardless of when the championship is held.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Broadcast player data tracking. Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee received a presentation from ESPN to consider the implementation of player data tracking metrics to enhance future broadcasts of the NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship. The committee will continue to review the addition of data tracking technology to the NCAA Division I Championship during future NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship Subcommittee videoconferences.

b. **2026-27 NPI policy update.** Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee reviewed the impact of Division I members competing against club teams, noting that such contests would be considered exhibitions that count toward an institution's maximum contest limitation unless the contest is considered the institution's one annual exhibition/scrimmage exemption. Further, the committee noted, contests against club teams do not count toward the institution's NPI, win-loss record, or statistics.

c. **NCAA Division I Cabinet update.** Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee received an update from the Division I Cabinet meeting on October 6-7, 2026. The update included notice of the adoption of Proposal No. 2026-48, Proposal No. 2026-61, and Proposal No. 2026-66, with immediate effective dates.

d. **Playing and practice season discussion – preseason practice period and maximum contests.** Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee will review conference level feedback and discuss preseason practice exhibitions and maximum dates of competition at their November 16 videoconference.

e. **Future meetings.**

(1) 12:30 to 2 p.m., Eastern time Monday, December 7, 2026.

(2) 12:30 to 2 p.m., Eastern time Monday, January 11, 2027.

Committee Chair: *Josh Richelew, University of Michigan*
Staff Liaisons: *Travis Johnston, NCAA Division I Governance and Member Services*
Chad Tolliver, NCAA Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee October 19, 2026, Videoconference
Attendees:
Josh Berlo, University of Denver; National Collegiate Hockey Conference.
Blake James, Boston College; Hockey East.
Forrest Karr, American Hockey Coaches Association.
Chris Melde, Michigan State University; Big Ten Conference.
Josh Richelew, University of Michigan; Big Ten Conference.
William Riga, College of the Holy Cross; Atlantic Hockey America.
Luke Strand, University of Minnesota Mankato; Central Collegiate Hockey Association.
Timothy Troville, Harvard University; ECAC.
Thomas Weis, Ohio State University; Big Ten Conference.
Absentees:
Jeff Fulton; Secretary-Rules Editor.
Steve Metcalf; Hockey East.
Steve Piotrowski; Coordinator of Officials.

Invited Guest(s):
Joe Durante, ESPN.
Brett Jackson, ESPN.
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:
Travis Johnston and Chad Tolliver.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Paden Ali, Tommy Barrett, Ben Coulthard, Phil Pierce and Jay Jay Rackley.